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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Zion-Benton Coalition for Healthy Communities was formed in 1995, recognizing that community residents were deeply concerned about healthcare issues that extend beyond the walls of the hospital; the administration of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America at the Midwestern Regional Medical Center invited a group of leaders to assemble to discuss ideas to improve the health and wellness of the community; and

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WHEREAS, The Coalition set out to focus on the following concerns: adolescent substance abuse, cultural diversity awareness, parenting and teen sexuality education, immunizations for young children, and access to primary healthcare; and

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WHEREAS, The Coalition concentrated efforts on the residents and communities connecting to Zion-Benton Township High School; its efforts were guided by community leaders representing Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor, Zion, and areas of Newport Township; and

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WHEREAS, The Coalition set out to fulfill the belief that "leading our communities in a collaborative effort to improve identified health, wellness and social issues" would guide their efforts to create a healthier community; and

1 WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, the Zion-Benton Coalition
2 for Healthy Communities has been dedicated to building a
3 stronger and healthier community; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 recognize the Zion-Benton Coalition for Healthy Communities
7 and thank them for 20 years of dedicated service to the people
8 of Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor, Zion, and areas of Newport
9 Township; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Zion-Benton Coalition for Healthy Communities
12 as an expression of our esteem and respect.